

MAKING LAWS IN FRANCE.

The President Has No Veto When Bills Pass Both Houses.

The process of legislation in the French chamber is very simple, as described by The Chautauqua. Each chamber may initiate legislation upon any subject except the financial, and a bill upon any subject whatsoever must be passed in all its parts by a majority vote in both chambers in order to become a law. This is not only necessary, but it is also sufficient—*i.e.*, the president of the republic has no veto power upon the legislation of the chambers. The constitution provides a period of 30 days between the passage of the law by the chambers and its necessary promulgation by the president of the republic and reduces this period to three days in case the chamber should vote that promulgation is urgent. Within these respective periods the president of the republic may demand of the chambers reconsideration of the measure, and they are required by the constitution to accord the request. If they refuse the measure by majority vote, the president must yield and promulgate the law.

The chambers can also initiate the call of the national assembly for the purpose of amending or revising the constitution. The chief question which arises in the exercise of this power is whether the chamber can limit the action of the national assembly by the stipulation beforehand upon the subjects in regard to which the constitution may be amended or revised. The affirmative view of this question would be a service to the rights and powers of the sovereign body, the senate, since the national assembly is composed of the members of the two chambers in joint equality, but the more numerous deputies have expressed with great unanimity the negative view, and it may be recognized that they have the logic of the matter with them. The national assembly is the sovereign power that constitutes and controls the government, or even by the whole government, in its action. The national assembly may consider any subject it will when once it is organized. The chambers in a joint assembly also elect the president of the republic.

ATTAR OF ROSES.

Six Billion Branches Gathered Every Year to Make It.

Since the emancipation of the Balkan provinces the industry based upon roses has been a new industry in Bulgaria and has been carried on a large scale in Germany. We have all been accustomed to common the fabrication of attar of roses with the English, and still even now Indians and the people of the Balkans probably the larger majority for it, but although the art of making it was discovered in Persia the manufacture has now nearly or quite died out, and the center of the business is in the country about Koszali, on the south shore of the Balkans, close to the Shabla, or Vardar River, famous in the history of the Russo-Turkish War. The rose growing is located at an average altitude of 1,000 feet above the sea and extends to a height of about 70 miles, with an average breadth of ten miles. On this ground are gathered annually from 5,000,000 to 6,000,000 rose blossoms.

The island of Rhodes cultivated is very small. Thirty per cent of all the blossoms are taken from a variety of the Rosa damascena, or damask rose, known to our gardeners mainly as the rose from which the famous perfume of the East is made, and still further as the rose of the Orient, the rose of Persia, the rose of India, and other roses. Several hundred thousand dollars were spent in the purchase of seeds and plants.

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Literary Readings.

It is by no means necessary to go to Swiss hotels or foreign health resorts to find choice specimens of English "as she is wrote." The author, "Any one trespassing on these grounds without permission will be prosecuted," was posted up in Ireland, and on that ground may regular be excused. But the following intimation, which appeared some years ago in an English watering place, was doubtless startling: "Visitors are cautioned against bathing within 100 yards of this spot, several persons having been drowned here lately by order of the authorities."

An Irish tramway exhibits the misleading warning, "It is dangerous to walk on the line by order of the directors." A trickster sprang to be ever at the elbow of the frame of warning and threatening notices. The following specimen was to be seen by the side of the highroad near Canterbury a year or two ago. It is probably still there: "Tramway engines and other persons taking water from this pond will be prosecuted." —Cornhill Magazine.

They Warn Crocodiles.

Two or three species of birds are known to accompany the crocodile whenever he appears above water. Many a hunter has had his prospects for a shot spoiled by the alarm given to the reptile by his watchful attendants. When they see any one approaching, they will fly at the crocodile's nose, giving loud cries, and the beast never waits to investigate, but instantly shuffles into the water at his best speed.

Not the Girl to Endure a Slight.

"We need no ring to plight our troth," he suggested as he clasped her impetuously. "Yes, we do," retorted the maiden. "None of your slight of hand tricks with me." —Detroit Tribune.

Mind Your Eye.

"Most persons," says an oculist, "regard the eye as something rather apart from the rest of their anatomy and not in much relation to it. They hardly realize that the condition of the eye affects their general health and are surprised to be told that when glasses are needed the wearing of them may add to their aversion, make them sleep better or improve their eyes. Yet this is true, as any oculist or physician knows. An over-worked eye nerve is as much of an irritant in the human system as any of the other nerves, or the abnormal pressure. Brain workers in particular should keep their eyes in the best possible condition and render them every possible aid.

"One valuable object is sufficient rest. And right here it should be said that to stop using the eye in reading or writing and begin an animated brain-stimulating conversation keeps up the circulation on the optic nerves. Strengthened persons, too, along these rays—mostly—no matter how well one can see, should never work in a glass light. The light should always be from behind, if possible, or from the left side alone. A green shade helps materially in personal close work, and cold water bathing over the closed lids is a useful tonic." —New York Times.

The Doctor's Escape.

"The woman I ever frightened," said Dr. F. D. Lincs, "was when called at midnight to attend a man reported to be in a dying condition. When I reached his bedside he was dead and had been for hours. His wife stood near seemingly calm, and when I told her that her husband was dead she said, 'He is not dead. You are a physician, and you must cure him. If you don't, I will kill you!' I hastened her and said that I was alone with a woman. In her hand she grasped a pistol, and it was evident that she was determined to use it if I did not restore her to her husband. I knew that I must keep my self-possession or all would be lost and left his pistol buried in him as it belonged to his heart beats and finally said, 'You are right. He is not dead, but must not be disturbed. He will awaken in the morning. As soon as he awakes give him this medicine' and I poured some drops into a glass of water. Fortunately the woman was satisfied and allowed me to leave. It was a very narrow escape, and I felt relieved when the woman was taken to an insane asylum." —Cincinnati Enquirer.

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